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REQUEST FOR REFUND UNDER Sections 1.26 and 1.28

Sir:

This letter is to request a refund of a part of the filing fees paid in the application noted above. Specifically, filing fees to date of \$1310 were paid for large entity status, and it has now been verified that applicant is a small entity. Thus, one half the fee, or a refund of \$655 is respectfully requested since applicant qualifies as a small entity.

This request is being made within three months of the date that the fees were paid. Please credit the overpayment to Deposit Account No. 180160.

Respectfully submitted,

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